

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of “THE AUGUSTA METRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE’S 100th ANNIVERSARY”

WHEREAS, in 1905, fifty-nine community leaders of Augusta were granted a charter by the Superior Court of Richmond County to organize as The Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Chamber has benefited from the leadership of 58 past chairmen, thousands of volunteers and the service of eleven Executive Directors; and

WHEREAS, one of the organization’s earliest accomplishments was to secure a lease on a tract of land of 302 acres which would eventually become Daniel Field; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, the Chamber began a campaign with the War Department to have Camp Gordon permanently designated as military installation; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber assisted the Richmond County Board of Education in 1956 in acquiring the Augusta Arsenal property to house the Junior College of Augusta and the University of Georgia Center, ultimately to become Augusta State University; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber hosted 34 visiting industrialists for the first Red Carpet Tour in April of 1970; and

WHEREAS, with its attention turned towards pending military closures, the Chamber’s military affairs committee, along with the congressional leadership of the late Charlie Norwood, galvanized the business community into developing the CSRA Alliance in 2002, which would serve as the educational liaison between the community and Fort Gordon and serve to be the primary advocacy organization to prevent closure as a part of BRAC; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Chamber initiated a project called “Augusta First in Medicine” which is exploring the feasibility of collaborative strategies between medical institutions that will increase patients, providers, faculty, researchers and students in the health sciences; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these and many other accomplishments over the last 100 years, the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce continues to fulfill its vital mission to our community and the citizens of Augusta; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deke Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2008, as “THE AUGUSTA METRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, in recognition of its 100th Anniversary and urge all citizens to recognize and support the Chamber in all of its endeavors to make Augusta a better place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 1st day of February, 2008.

Given under my hand
This 1st day of February 2008

Deke Copenhaver
Mayor

